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Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th street, SW
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April 19, 2007

Re: MB Docket No. 07-57

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On behalf of the National Black Chamber of Commerce which represents 95,000 Black owned businesses, I write today to urge that the Commission approve the acquisition of XM Satellite Radio by Sirius.

Satellite radio is critical to the programming needs of African Americans. The medium offers dozens of channels that are targeted to the programming needs of African American entrepreneurs, entertainers, and consumers. In fact, Internet radio, music download services, and satellite radio have all played critical roles in democratizing the music and audio industry allowing consumers access to a virtual on-demand world.

Further, XM and Sirius have committed to offering both opportunities for programmers and more choice for consumers at a lower per-unit cost. More channel capacity for new programmers, and more choices for consumers are clearly matters that meet the FCC's public interest test. Additionally, with both XM and Sirius struggling financially, the merger ensures that the satellite radio platform survives.

Given the potential consumer and business benefits, I urge you to approve the XM-Sirius merger without delay. I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Harry Alford

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